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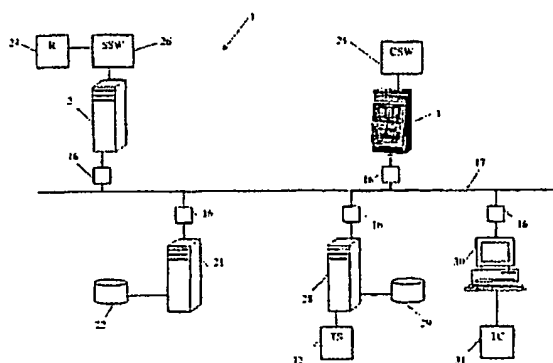
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(57) Abstract: A gaming system comprises one or more player stations, a repository containing a number of different software programs, and a download server communicable with the repository and each one of the player stations by means of a communication network. Each player station is identified by a unique code and is operable by a respective player to play a corresponding game. Each software program in the repository is executable on any player station to generate a simulation of a different game. One or more of selected software programs contained in the repository are encrypted, remotely from any of the player stations, as a function of the unique identification code of a particular one of the player stations. The download server is responsive to the encryption and downloads the encrypted software program or programs to the particular player station whose unique identification code was used for encryption. A security module associated with the particular player station decrypts the downloaded encrypted software program or programs to obtain therefrom a decrypted identification code. The security module enables execution of the downloaded encrypted software programs by the particular player station when the decrypted identification code is the same as the unique identification code of the particular player station, and disables execution of the downloaded encrypted software programs by the particular player station when the decrypted identification code is different from the unique identification code of the particular player station. The security module also disables execution of the software programs when the software program has not been encrypted.

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